

SENATE BILL 1952

By Haynes

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 4 and  
Title 17, relative to selection of judges.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 17-4-201(c), is amended by deleting the subsection in its entirety and by substituting instead the following:

(c)

(1) The judicial evaluation program shall require publication and disclosure of a final report. The final report shall not include any individual record or evaluation but may include, for each appellate judge, the individual final scores for the survey results. The final report shall be made available for public inspection no later than the first Thursday in March preceding the regular August election. On the first Sunday in July immediately preceding the regular August election, the final report shall be published in a daily newspaper of general circulation in each of the following locations: the Tri-Cities area, Knoxville, Chattanooga, Nashville, Jackson, Dyersburg and Memphis. The final report for each appellate court judge should not exceed seven hundred fifty (750) words.

(2) As soon as is reasonably practicable under the circumstances, in order to assist the citizenry in electing the best qualified persons to the appellate courts, the commission shall cause supplemental final reports to be published as may be necessitated by the filing of declarations of candidacy, required by § 17-4-114(a)(2) or § 17-4-115(a)(2).

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2007, the public welfare requiring it.